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| <b>UTILITY<br/>PATENT APPLICATION<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small> |  | Attorney Docket No. <b>HO-P02877US0</b>        |  |
|   |  | First Inventor <b>Mark S. Gasaway</b>          |  |
|   |  | Title <b>JOINT CONNECTION AND APPLICATIONS</b> |  |
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| <b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b><br><small>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</small> | <b>ADDRESS TO:</b><br>MS Patent Application<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 |
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001     | 770      | 2001     | 385      | Utility filing fee     | 385.00   |
| 1002     | 340      | 2002     | 170      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003     | 530      | 2003     | 265      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004     | 770      | 2004     | 385      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005     | 160      | 2005     | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 385.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims       | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 23                 | -20** = 3    | 9.00           | 27.00    |
| Independent Claims | 3            | -3** =         | 0.00     |
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|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| 1202     | 18       | 2202     | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201     | 86       | 2201     | 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203     | 290      | 2203     | 145      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204     | 86       | 2204     | 43       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205     | 18       | 2205     | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|----------|
| 1051                  | 130                   | 2051                  | 65                    | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052                  | 50                    | 2052                  | 25                    | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.                    |          |
| 1053                  | 130                   | 1053                  | 130                   | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812                  | 2,520                 | 1812                  | 2,520                 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 1804                  | 920*                  | 1804                  | 920*                  | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805                  | 1,840*                | 1805                  | 1,840*                | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251                  | 110                   | 2251                  | 55                    | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252                  | 420                   | 2252                  | 210                   | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253                  | 950                   | 2253                  | 475                   | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254                  | 1,480                 | 2254                  | 740                   | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255                  | 2,010                 | 2255                  | 1,005                 | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401                  | 330                   | 2401                  | 165                   | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402                  | 330                   | 2402                  | 165                   | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403                  | 290                   | 2403                  | 145                   | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451                  | 1,510                 | 1451                  | 1,510                 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452                  | 110                   | 2452                  | 55                    | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453                  | 1,330                 | 2453                  | 665                   | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501                  | 1,330                 | 2501                  | 665                   | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502                  | 480                   | 2502                  | 240                   | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503                  | 640                   | 2503                  | 320                   | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460                  | 130                   | 1460                  | 130                   | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807                  | 50                    | 1807                  | 50                    | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 1806                  | 180                   | 1806                  | 180                   | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021                  | 40                    | 8021                  | 40                    | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809                  | 770                   | 2809                  | 385                   | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 1810                  | 770                   | 2810                  | 385                   | For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))              |          |
| 1801                  | 770                   | 2801                  | 385                   | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802                  | 900                   | 1802                  | 900                   | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

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